

6th Annual Bellingham Scottish Gathering
Presented by the Scottish Dance Society
Member - BC Pipers' Association
Hosted by the City of Blaine, Washington U.S.A.
Piping, Drumming and Band Competition
Saturday June 7, 2025
Marine Park, 200 Marine Drive, Blaine, WA 98230

Solo Competition begins at 9:00 a.m.

Pipe bands begin in early afternoon

PIPING EVENTS

| Event | Grade | Music | Requirements |
|-------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 102 | Beginner | Slow Air (on chanter) | Min 2 parts. Repeats to be observed |
| 112 | 5 | Slow Air | Min 2 parts. Repeats To be observed |
| 113 | 5 | 6/8 March | |
| 121 | 4 | 2/4 March | |
| 124 | 4 | 6/8 March | |
| 134 | 3 | Jig | |
| 135 | 3 | 6/8 March | |
| 141 | 2 | March, Strathspey & Reel | Submit 2M, 1S, & 1R |
| 144 | 2 | Jig | Submit 2 tunes |
| 151 | 1 | March, Strathspey & Reel | Submit 2 of each tune |
| 153 | 1 | Hornpipe & Jig | Submit 2 of each tune |
| 161 | Open | March, Strathspey & Reel | Submit 4 of each tune |
| 162 | Open | Piobaireachd | Submit 4 tunes |
| 171 | Adult | 2/4 March | |
| 173 | Adult | 6/8 March | |
| 181 | Adult Prep | 2/4 March | |
| 183 | Adult Prep | 6/8 March | |

SNARE DRUMMING EVENTS

| Event | Grade | Music | Requirements |
|-------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 203 | Beginner | 6/8 March (on drum pad) | 4 parts of BCPA Massed Band Cadence |
| 221 | 4 | 2/4 March | 4 parts only |
| 222 | 4 | 6/8 March | 4 parts only |
| 231 | 3 | 2/4 March | |
| 232 | 3 | 6/8 March | |
| 241 | 2 | March, Strathspey & Reel | |
| 242 | 2 | Hornpipe & Jig | |
| 251 | 1 | March, Strathspey & Reel | |
| 252 | 1 | Hornpipe & Jig | |
| 261 | Open | March, Strathspey & Reel | Submit 2 sets |
| 262 | Open | Hornpipe & Jig | Submit 2 sets |

TENOR DRUMMING

| Event | Grade | Music | Requirements |
|-------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 302 | Beginner | 6/8 March (on Tenor Drum) | 4 parts of BCPA Massed Band Cadence |
| 341 | Novice | 2/4 March | 4 parts only |
| 342 | Novice | 6/8 March | 4 parts only |
| 351 | Intermediate | March, Strathspey & Reel | |
| 353 | Intermediate | 6/8 March | |
| 361 | Open | March, Strathspey & Reel | |
| 362 | Open | Hornpipe & Jig | |

BANDS

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| 812 | 5 | Quick Marches Set | 8 parts of Quick Marches in simple time |
| 821 | 4 | Medley | 3-5 minutes |
| 822 | 4 | March, Strathspey & Reel | 1x4 parted or 2x2 Parted Ms Ss & Rs RSPBA prescribed tunes list recommended but not required |
| 831 | 3 | Medley | 3-5 minutes |
| 832 | 3 | March, Strathspey & Reel | |
| 841 | 2 | Medley | 4-6 minutes |
| 842 | 2 | March, Strathspey & Reel | Submit 2 sets |
| 851 | 1 | Medley | Submit 1 medley, 5-7 minutes |
| 852 | 1 | March, Strathspey & Reel | Submit 2 sets |

**The Bellingham Scottish Gathering is made possible in part by
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Competition Rules

1. Events in solo piping, solo drumming and pipe bands are conducted under the rules of the BC Pipers' Association. The rules are available at the BC Pipers' Association website: www.bcpipers.org
2. Competitors are required to be attired in acceptable Highland dress.
3. Pipers and drummers will tune in designated areas only.
4. Judges' decisions are final.
5. No refunds will be given for entries received.
6. Closing date for entries is: May 23, 2025. Entries must be **received** by this date.
7. Complaints must be written, signed and submitted by the end of the competition, accompanied by a \$25 (U.S.) fee. Refundable if sustained.
8. It is the responsibility of competitors to pick up prizes at the competition. Unclaimed prizes will be forfeited after June 30, 2025.
9. Competitor numbers will be available at the admission gate. Band competitors will gain admission by appearing on the band's player roster officially registered with the BCPA Membership Chair (membership@bcpipers.org) as of May 20, 2025.
10. All bands are required to perform in the Closing Massed Bands to be eligible for prize money.
11. Where tune submissions are required, they must be included with entry (Open, Snare Drumming and Bands). Tunes must be entered online or submitted with copy of entry by May 23, 2025.
12. Solo competitors and bands who are not current members of the BC Pipers' Association (BCPA) or an officially recognized piping/pipe band association affiliated with the BCPA (associations in the Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations), must pay an additional \$10.00 per solo competitor or \$50 per Band and include the fees with entry.

Entry Information

Entry fees payable in U.S. funds only. **Please submit entry and pay fees on-line:**

www.ScottishDanceSociety.org/forms

Games Information: heather@scottishdancesociety.org Phone: (360) 715-8682

Please Note: Pets are not allowed at the Scottish Gathering

Entry Fees:

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| Solo Piping and Drumming (Beginner through Grade 1 & adult) | \$15.00 per event |
| Solo Piping and Drumming (Open) | \$20.00 per event |
| Open Piobaireachd | \$30.00 per event |
| Bands Grade 4 & 5 | \$53.00 per event |
| Bands Grade 3 | \$60.00 per event |
| Bands Grade 2 | \$64.00 per event |
| Bands Grade 1 | \$67.00 per event |
| Solo Non BCPA affiliations | \$10.00 per competitor |
| Bands Non BCPA affiliations | \$50.00 per band |

Prizes

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| Solo events through Grade 1 | Medals |
| Solo Open and Band Events | Cash Awards |

**Bellingham Scottish Gathering 2025
Piping, Drumming & Bands Competition Entry Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code** _____

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

BCPA Membership #: _____ **Discipline (Piper, Snare, Tenor, Band)** _____

Grade Level: _____ **Events Entered:** _____

Required tune names & associated event #s (Open Snare & Band Events): _____

Entry Fees: \$ _____ **Add Non-BCPA Fees: \$** _____ **Total Fees: \$** _____

RELEASE & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I hereby represent that I wish to participate in the Bellingham Scottish Gathering on June 7, 2025 sponsored by Scottish Dance Society (SDS). I recognize that any activity may involve certain dangers, including but not limited to the hazards of the forces of nature, and the actions of other participants and other person unaffiliated with SDS. I understand that these hazards produce a risk of physical harm or death, as well as a risk of loss or damage to my personal property. I further understand and agree that SDS would not be able to sponsor such Events without some form of agreement providing protection for SDS and its officers, directors, paid staff and volunteer workers.

In consideration of, and as part payment for my privilege to participate in the Bellingham Scottish Gathering, I hereby release the City of Blaine, Whatcom County, Clan Heather Dancers, SDS and its officers, directors and volunteer workers from any and all liability, claims and/or causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with my participation in any and all of the activities of the Event. I personally assume all risks in connection with these activities, and further agree to hold the city of Blaine, Whatcom County, Clan Heather Dancers, SDS and its officers, directors, paid staff and volunteer workers harmless from and against any and all liability, claims and/or courses of action which I may have arising from my participation in any and all of the activities of the Event, including but not limited to those involving negligence on the part of such officers, directors, paid staff or volunteer workers, which result in personal injury or death to myself and/or loss or damage to my personal property. The terms of this agreement shall bind myself and my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives.

I agree to allow Scottish Dance Society to photograph or record my activities, or those of the competitor for whom this application is begin submitted at the Event(s) for promotional purposes.

The player or band referenced on this entry has permission to publicly perform all music performed at the Bellingham Scottish Gathering and grants consent to the Scottish Dance Society for recording, storing, reproducing and broadcasting any performances publicly through whatever means it deems appropriate. The band representative completing this entry has consent from all band performers to act on their behalf in providing consent.

If submitting credit card information for payment of registration fees, my signature here also authorizes SDS to process a charge against my account in the amount indicated in the "Total Amt. Enclosed" field on this page. I have fully informed myself of the contents of this release and hold harmless agreement by reading it before signing it.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian if entrant is not at least 18 years of age).